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1. AS YET, THERE HAS BEEN NO PRONOUNCED INCREASE IN SECURITY INCIDENTS ON THE WEST BANK IN THE WAKE OF THE ELECTORAL VICTORY OF THE LIKUD PARTY. IN MAY, ONLY ABOUT ONE THIRD AS MANY BOMBS EXPLODED OR WERE DISARMED AS IN APRIL. THE NUMBER OF ARRESTS WAS ROUGHLY COMPARABLE.

2. THE MOST SERIOUS EXPLOSION, MAY 28, IN ONE OF JERUSALEM'S MOST CROWDED TOURIST SOUKS INJURED FIVE PERSONS: TWO ARABS, TWO ISRAELIS AND ONE CANADIAN.

3. DEMONSTRATIONS SMOLDERED AND ERUPTED FROM TIME TO TIME, ESPECIALLY IN THE NABLUS AREA. IN REPRESSING SEVERAL IN
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QABATIYAH, SECURITY FORCES OPENED FIRE AND KILLED THE FIRST TWO ARABS TO DIE IN CLASHES IN 1977.

4. FRICTION BETWEEN ISRAELI SETTLERS AND ARABS WAS REPORTED IN HEBRON WHERE A MOSQUE WAS REPORTEDLY VANDALIZED, NEAR GUSH ETZION WHERE SETTLERS REPORTEDLY DISPOSSED AN ARAB HOUSEHOLD AND DEIR ABU MASH'AL (SOUTH OF MESHAH)

FROM WHERE WE HAVE RELIABLE REPORTS THAT ARMED ISRAELIS (SOLDIERS OF SETTLERS) HAVE VANDALIZED HOUSES AND INTIMIDATED VILLAGERS.

5. COMPARATIVE FIGURES OF SECURITY INCIDENTS AS FOLLOWS:

	BOMBS	DEATHS	INJURIES	ARRESTS
APRIL	15	0	5	126
MAY	5	2	8	154

6. THE JERUSALEM POST REPORTED JUNE 3 THAT LEAFLETS CALLING FOR A GENERAL STRIKE ON JUNE 5 (THE 10TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 6 DAY WAR) HAVE BEEN DISTRIBUTED IN NABLUS, RAMALLAH AND HEBRON.

7. COMMENT: OUR FIGURES ARE BASED ON USUALLY RELIABLE PRESS REPORTS SUPPLEMENTED BY OUR OWN DIRECT KNOWLEDGE. IN RECENT MONTHS, THE GOI HAS DENIED SEVERAL BOMB INCIDENTS OF WHICH WE HAVE CERTAIN KNOWLEDGE, OTHERS, UNKNOWN TO US, MAY HAVE OCCURRED. INJURY REPORTS ARE ALSO NOT COMPREHENSIVE. NEVERTHELESS IT'S CLEAR THAT THE WEST BANK HAS NOT BEEN UNUSUALLY UNEASY IN MAY PERHAPS BECAUSE, FOR SEVERAL WEEKS, STUDENTS WERE BUSY WITH SCHOOL EXAMS. WE HAVE ONE UNCONFIRMED REPORT FROM AN ARAB JOURNALIST THAT THE PLO DID, IN FACT, CALL FOR DEMONSTRATIONS TO PROTEST THE LIKUD VICTORY, BUT THAT SEVERAL WEST BANK MAYORS DISCOURAGED THEM BECAUSE THEY FELT THEY MIGHT BE HELD RESPONSIBLE AND DEPORTED. JUNE 5 SHOULD PROVIDE A REAL TEST OF THE POST-ELECTION MOOD.
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